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TO: Legislative Council
Debby Barrett, President of the Senate
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FROM: Jennifer Simmons, Financial Services Manager

RE: Transfer of reverted feed bill appropriations to the
Legislative Branch Information Technology Reserve Account

DATE: August 13, 2015

The remaining balance of appropriations for the operation of the 63rd Legislature during the 2013 session and the interim that followed has reverted June 30, 2015.

Section 17-7-304 (4) (ii) reads:

" After the end of a biennium, any portion of the unexpended and unencumbered money appropriated for the operation of the preceding legislature in a separate appropriation act may be deposited in the account established in 5-11-407, MCA. The approving authority shall determine the portion of the unexpended and unencumbered money that is deposited in the account."

In accordance with this statute, I am requesting the approving authorities to determine what portion of the unexpended 2013 feed bill to transfer to the Legislative Branch IT reserve.

For the Legislative Services Division:

Balance available to transfer \$165,600
Amount approved to transfer \$ _____
Action taken by the Legislative Council

For the Senate:

Balance available to transfer \$174,900
Amount approved to transfer \$ _____

Debby Barrett, President of the Senate Date

For the House of Representatives:

Balance available to transfer \$189,900
Amount approved to transfer \$ _____

Austin Knudsen, Speaker of the House Date

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5-11-407. Legislative branch reserve account. (1) There is a legislative branch reserve account in the state special revenue fund. Money may be deposited in the account through an allocation of money to the account or as provided in [17-7-304](#).

(2) (a) The money in the account is statutorily appropriated, as provided in [17-7-502](#), to the legislative services division to be used only for major legislative branch information technology projects, including the purchase of hardware, software, and consulting services for and training related to new initiatives and replacement and upgrading of existing systems.

(b) The money in the account may be expended only with the approval of the legislative council. The legislative branch information technology planning council may make recommendations to the legislative council for the use of the money in the account.

(3) The money in the account must be invested pursuant to Title 17, chapter 6. The income and earnings on the account must be deposited in the account.

History: En. Sec. 1, Ch. 581, L. 2005; amd. Sec. 9, Ch. 284, L. 2013.

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